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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

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I CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED TODAY AND CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BHUTTO CONCERNING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO HAVE SPOKEN TO BHUTTO ABOUT THIS AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THAT FACT THAT A RESPONSE HAD BEEN MADE. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD ASKED THE SWISS EARLIER TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO GOP ALONG THESE LINES BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE ON THAT OCCASION. HE SAID THEY WOULD NOW FOLLOW UP THROUGH THE SWISS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THEIR "USUAL CHANNEL," AND PROPOSE DETAILS FOR A MEETING WITH GOP. HE ASKED IF I THOUGHT WE SHOULD ALSO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO GOP IN PARALLEL WITH SWISS. WHEN I SAID I THOUGHT WE WOULD WANT TO PROCEED AS BDG THOUGHT BEST, HE LEFT IT THAT THEY WOULD USE ONLY THE SWISS CHANNEL THIS TIME AND THANKED US AGAIN FOR OUR HELP.

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